

recognized as part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program; and

Whereas, partners in a year-long celebration of the Dismal Swamp Canal's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center, Dismal Swamp State Park and Natural Area, Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Virginia Canals and Navigations Society, City of Chesapeake, and Elizabeth City State University; and

Whereas, future plans for the Dismal Swamp Canal include the Dismal Swamp State Park, which will be made possible due to the efforts of the late Dr. Joseph Armstrong Gill, a conservationist and avid outdoorsman, who was instrumental in persuading the State to purchase land in the Great Dismal Swamp for use as a park; Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:*

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Moses Grandy and the many other laborers who constructed the Dismal Swamp Canal.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Dr. Joseph Armstrong Gill for his role in helping the creation of the future Dismal Swamp State Park.

**SECTION 3.** The General Assembly encourages the citizens of this State to take part in activities commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dismal Swamp Canal.

**SECTION 4.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center.

**SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

**S.J.R. 1170**

**Resolution 2005-34**

A JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON CULMINATING IN THE 2005 NCAA DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the State of North Carolina is home to many talented people and the place of many firsts and achievements, including the first English settlement in the United States, man's first heavier-than-air powered flight, the first state to vote for independence from Great Britain, the first gold nugget discovered in the United States, the first sit-in to spark the civil rights movement, and a sky that is a particularly beautiful shade of blue; and

Whereas, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is also home to many firsts and achievements, including being established as the first public university in the nation, being rated one of the best public universities in the country, and being acknowledged nationwide for excellence in athletics as well as academics; and

Whereas, the men's basketball program in particular has become one of the most renowned programs in the nation, boasting such talented student-athletes as the 40 players whose jerseys hang in the rafters of the Dean E. Smith Center; and

Whereas, those players include seven former players whose jerseys are retired because they were consensus National Players of the Year – Jack Cobb, George